New officers of Rock Creek Cattle Range Company take over; Henry T. Cuch chosen president

Fort Duchesne — Henry T. Cuch, Fort Duchesne, was elected president of the Rock Creek Cattle Range Company. Fred A. Conetah, Myton, is the new vice-president; and Harvey Natchess, Randlett is secretary. Homer Secakuku is treasurer and the other Directors are Francis McKinley and Sidney Atwine.

The company was re-organized during their annual meeting held at Fort Duchesne.

Last month the stockholders representing the Ute Indian Tribe with control of some 440 shares out of a total of 490 called a special meeting for election of new officers and wrested control of the Rock Creek Cattle Range Company from the Affiliated Ute Citizens. The shares of stock in the compony were purchased by the Ute Tribe from members of the Affiliated Ute Citizens, who acquired the shares as a part of the division of assets between the full blood and the mixed blood Ute Indians under Public Law 671, the Act which provided for the division of the Ute Tribe and the termination of the mixed blood members.

Two major amendments were made in the by-laws of the organization. One change involved the abolishing of the transfer agent, a position held by the First Security Bank under the Affiliated Ute administration, and who supervised the exchange of stock ownership and the leasing of stockholder interests. The role filled by the bank will now be filled by the secretary of the land company.

The second change concerned the policy or system of priority in terms of leasing stockholder land interests. Under the Affiliated Utes' set up the right to lease had to be first offered to other stockholders and then to members of the Affilioted Ute Tribe before outside interests could be allowed the privilege. Under the amendment made by the by-laws, the stockholders can lease their interests to anyone, provided that the secretary of the organization is informed and the lease right is granted upon completion of appropriate forms prescribed by the organization.

Upon the recommendation of the Uintah and Ouray branch of land management and the resources branch of the Ute Tribe, the directors agreed to allow 980 cattle to graze the Rock Creek lands from June 1 to November 1 during 1962. The total range capacity was set at 1250 cattle for a six month period. The grazing capacity was set at 640 last year due to drought conditions. It was announced that each share would entitle the owner to graze 2 cows on the range.

The directors also announced that each stockholder will be assessed $12.63 for this year. Approximately $10.63 will go toward the payment of taxes to Duchesne County and the $2.00 balance will go to defraying administration costs.